

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 142 - SB 814

February 28, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, if the base salary of members of the General Assembly is increased, the salaries of all employees of the General Assembly to be increased by the same percentage as the increase for members. Requires, if the salaries of all employees of the General Assembly are decreased, the base salary of members of the General Assembly to be decreased by the same percentage.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The precise timing and extent of any recurring increases or recurring decreases in state expenditures, if any, is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 3-1-107(a)(1) sets the annual base salary for members of the General Assembly at \$16,500; the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives receives three times that amount.
- There are 33 Senate members and 99 House of Representative members for a total of 132 (130 excluding both Speakers).
- The total base salary payroll for members of the General Assembly is estimated to be \$2,244,000 [(\$16,500 x 130) + (\$16,500 x 3 x 2 Speakers)].
- General Assembly member salaries are adjusted annually to reflect the average percentage pay increase provided for state employees by the general appropriations act.
- According to Legislative Administration, current staff payroll is approximately \$16,171,000.
- In the event base salaries for members of the General Assembly are increased and base salaries of General Assembly are increased in the absence of this legislation, the fiscal impact is not significant.
- In the event base salaries for members of the General Assembly are increased and base salaries for General Assembly staff are not increased in the absence of this legislation, there will be a recurring increase in state expenditures.
- In the event General Assembly employees' salaries are decreased, and salaries for members of the General Assembly are decreased in the absence of this legislation, the fiscal impact is not significant.

- In the event General Assembly employees' salaries are decreased, and salaries for members of the General Assembly are not decreased in the absence of this legislation, there will be a recurring decrease in state expenditures.
- The fiscal impact of this legislation could be a recurring increase in state expenditures, a recurring decrease in state expenditures, or no impact. The precise timing and the extent of any increase or decrease in state expenditures is dependent upon several unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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